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## STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN MICHAEL POWELL ON 5-GIGAHERTZ SPECTRUM AGREEMENT

The consensus reached on a United States position on Radio Local Area Networks (RLANS) at 5 GHz is a 'win-win' proposition for industry and government.

Consistent with the recommendations of the Spectrum Policy Task Force, the proposal would make additional unlicensed spectrum available to promote RLAN deployment while protecting radars vital to our national security.

The parties involved are to be commended for their efforts to reach this hard-fought compromise.